

He will be greatly missed. I am sure I will never find another mechanic who can keep my cars running for 50 years.

#### DEFENDING COMMUNITY PHARMACIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. JOHN W. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of community pharmacies not only in my district, the Sixth District of Tennessee, but across the country.

Late last week, I received this letter, notifying me that my community pharmacy would no longer be in-network and that if I had any future prescriptions filled at this pharmacy, I would have to pay personally in full. This change would take place almost immediately.

Like most Americans, I have a years-long relationship with my community pharmacy, Gordonsville Drugs, and my community pharmacist, Amy Dudney.

But I was not part of a select few individuals to receive this notification; there have been approximately 60 independent pharmacies throughout Tennessee that recently found themselves out-of-network for certain plans administered by the pharmacy benefit manager, CVS Caremark.

This is not happening just in Gordonsville, Tennessee. Many Americans have a community pharmacy like Gordonsville Drugs and a pharmacist like Amy Dudney in their community.

Thankfully, due to sustained lobbying efforts by the independent pharmacy community, CVS Caremark has reached out to many of these pharmacies and offered them contracts to remain in-network.

However, letters like the one I received remain extremely damaging to our independent pharmacies. In the specific case of Gordonsville Drugs, although CVS Caremark made the right choice to keep the independent pharmacy in-network, they have yet to send a letter with this updated change to customers like me. CVS Caremark must commit to sending new letters, notifying customers that they can continue to use their neighborhood independent pharmacy with whom they have long-term relationships.

We continue to let our community pharmacies be bullied by pharmacy benefit managers like CVS Caremark, but we can't let this continue. With winter upon us and the pandemic surging, there has never been a greater need to ensure the viability of our community pharmacies.

#### PROVIDING COVID-19 RELIEF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic crisis continues to have a terrible impact throughout the Nation.

Cases are surging, and thousands are dying from the virus every day. There have been over 16 million United States cases, and over 300,000 people have lost their lives in the United States.

Over 20 million people across the country are collecting unemployment and struggling to make ends meet. In California, more than 1.3 million people have become unemployed over the past year.

Hunger is growing across the Nation. One in five renters is behind on paying their rent, meaning that millions are on the brink of eviction as months of back rent are coming due.

The Federal Reserve estimates that renters in California will owe \$1.7 billion in unpaid rent by the end of the year, representing almost a quarter of the total rental debt that will have accrued nationwide during the pandemic.

Small businesses are struggling. As many as one-third of small businesses, including more than 40 percent of Black-owned and Latinx-owned small businesses, say they will be forced to close their doors for good without immediate relief from Congress.

Families across the country desperately need relief.

So, it is absolutely essential that Congress finally come to a bipartisan agreement for a relief bill. As Democrats are nearing a compromise with our Republican colleagues, we must ensure that the legislation helps all of those who are struggling during this pandemic.

It is especially important that the relief bill contains another round of direct stimulus payments for individuals and families to help them make ends meet. We must also provide additional unemployment assistance to those who have lost their jobs as a result of the crisis.

As chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, I am working hard to secure the inclusion of much-needed emergency rental assistance in the bill and the extension of the eviction moratorium, as well as funding for community development financial institutions and minority depository institutions that support access to credit and investment in communities of color, which have been hit hard by this crisis.

As this pandemic continues to rage, it would be completely irresponsible and foolish to take away the Federal Reserve's and the Treasury's crisis management tools that can help address threats to jobs, small businesses, municipal government, and the economy.

Let me be clear that the compromise bill that is now being worked on, while important, will not be enough by itself. Families across the country will need more help. Congress must work with the incoming Biden administration to take additional action to support those who are struggling every day and put the country on a path to recovery.

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#### DEMOCRATS COULD STEAL A HOUSE SEAT AGAIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to remind my colleagues that, in 1985, the Democrats in this House stole a seat, and they can do it again.

The day after the election in 1984, Republican Rick McIntyre was ahead of incumbent Frank McCloskey by 34 votes. After the State's recount, McIntyre's lead grew to 418 votes. In the weeks following the election, McIntyre was certified the winner of Indiana's Eighth Congressional District.

But come January 1985, House Democrats refused to seat the duly-elected Member of Congress, Rick McIntyre. Instead, they sent a partisan task force to Indiana which then determined ballots not valid under Indiana law should have been counted. They changed the rules. Under the Democrats' new rules, McCloskey was now ahead by four votes.

On May 1, 1985, the House voted to seat McCloskey. Ten Democrats joined every Republican in voting against seating him. This contest was dubbed the "Bloody Eighth," and my Democrat colleagues are considering repeating this same battle this year in Iowa's Second District.

Just as in 1985, they are about to change the rules of the game after the game has already been played. Democrats have been trying to do this in States throughout the 2020 cycle.

After a thorough recount of votes in all 24 counties in Iowa's Second District, Mr. Speaker, and a unanimous bipartisan vote by Iowa's State Canvassing Board, Congresswoman-elect Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks was declared the winner.

Instead of challenging the certification that Dr. Miller-Meeks now has in her possession in court, the Democrat candidate has decided to skip that step and, instead, is going to ask Washington Democrats to overturn Iowa's voters. And the reason is because she couldn't win in court.

But if Washington Democrats change the rules, she can. She can disregard the people of Iowa.

Setting this precedent that you don't have to exhaust all of your options and prove your case in court, but that whatever party is in charge of the House can come in, change the rules, and determine the winner is a terrible precedent to set.

I am hoping that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will think long and hard if they want a repeat of the Bloody Eighth, because there will come a time when the shoe is on the other foot.

The Federal contest of 1985 eroded public trust in our elections and undermined the integrity of our election

process. I hope my colleagues will come to the same conclusion and decide to stand by the people of Iowa's Second Congressional District and seat Congresswoman-elect Mariannette Miller-Meeks on January 3.

#### FAREWELL TO CONGRESSMAN CLAY

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate you on leaving this great institution and making this institution a much better place for you serving with all of us.

I have enjoyed our time together, flying back and forth from our districts, and I have enjoyed the friendship that you and I have been able to have over the last 8 years that we have served together.

Mr. Speaker, you have done a great job representing the district in Missouri right across the river from mine, and our partnership is one that is bound not just in politics and not just in legislating, but in friendship. I am going to miss being here with you.

This institution will be a better place, again, because of your service. We will all be at a loss without being able to go to you and ask you for your expertise, your guidance, and just having some fun.

I am going miss you, my friend, but our institution's loss is your personal time and your family's gain, and I look forward to working with you in whatever the next endeavor is on your horizon. May God continue to bless you.

#### FAREWELL TO CONGRESSMAN PHIL ROE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your friendship and your kindness to the 435th most powerful person in Congress—that would be me. I really do, brother, and I am going to miss you.

Mr. Speaker, after six terms representing Tennessee's First Congressional District, Dr. PHIL ROE is retiring at the end of this year. Dr. ROE has focused his career in the House of Representatives on fighting for our Nation's veterans and using his medical background to tackle those tough healthcare issues.

As a matter of fact, during one of the State of the Union addresses, someone dropped in the back. I turned back to Congressman ROE and I said, "Somebody has dropped," and before I could get "dropped" out of my mouth, he was already out of the row providing medical care to him.

When I arrived in Washington almost 2 years ago, Dr. ROE was the first person to reach out and offer advice about serving in this Chamber. He was a mentor throughout my first term, and we bonded over our faith by attending weekly prayer breakfasts together. His mentorship has quickly turned into a friendship over the last 2 years—and he

is an excellent guitar player, Mr. Speaker.

As a legislator, Dr. ROE has always looked out for America's brave servicemen and -women. He served as chairman and lead Republican on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, helping pass bipartisan bills to improve healthcare benefits for our brave veterans. Armed servicemembers deserve the very best for their sacrifices, and Dr. ROE was always in their corner.

Congress will be different next year without Dr. ROE, and I will miss working with him on the issues most important to east Tennesseans.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. ROE on a strong career in Congress, and I wish him the very best in retirement.

#### CONGRATULATING COACH GARY RANKIN

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Gary Rankin and the Alcoa High School football team on their sixth consecutive State championship title.

On Saturday, December 4, at the Tennessee Blue Cross Bowl, Alcoa defeated Milan High in an impressive 35-0 shut-out. This win marks the Tornadoes' 19th State championship and Coach Rankin's 16th overall, both of which are high school football records in Tennessee. It is certainly a proud day to represent this team in the Halls of Congress.

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, schools and their sports teams had to adjust and readjust. Coach Rankin and his players were faced with a season like none other, but they put in the hours, they persevered, and they came out on top. This championship is a remarkable achievement that I am sure this group of players will remember for the rest of their lives.

I know I speak for many in east Tennessee when I say: Congratulations, and go Tornadoes.

#### RECOGNIZING BISHOP RICHARD STIKA

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bishop Richard Stika of the Knoxville Diocese. This week, Bishop Stika is celebrating his 35th year as an ordained priest of the Catholic Church, a remarkable career milestone.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Bishop Stika received a Catholic education from elementary school through college. He capped off his theological education by earning a master of divinity from Kenrick Seminary.

Bishop Stika was ordained a priest on December 14, 1985, and for nearly 24 years he served in several different parishes in the St. Louis area. One of his greatest achievements during this time was coordinating the visit of Pope John Paul II to St. Louis in 1999, Mr. Speaker.

On March 19, 2009, he became bishop of the Knoxville Diocese, and Bishop Stika has been making strong spiritual connections with east Tennesseans ever since. At 11 years in the Knoxville Diocese, Bishop Stika is the longest serving bishop in our diocese.

Bishop Stika and I share many values, including a strong belief in pro-

tecting the lives of the unborn. Bishop Stika has made a positive impact on many east Tennesseans throughout his tenure, and, Mr. Speaker, I am confident he will continue to be a leader in our community.

#### CELEBRATING A.G. HEINS COMPANY

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, the American entrepreneurial spirit is the bedrock of our Nation's economy, creating good-paying jobs, solving everyday problems, and providing the goods and services we rely on. I rise today to celebrate the A.G. Heins Company, which rode the entrepreneurial spirit from humble beginnings to 100 years of success in our community.

Currently in its fourth generation of family ownership, the A.G. Heins Company has long provided building materials to the east Tennessee region. The company provides necessary resources to complete projects of all sizes, from individual household repairs, to construction at the University of Tennessee.

Staying in business for 100 years is no easy accomplishment, and the A.G. Heins Company persevered through many challenging economic times, such as the Great Depression and the Second World War. The company's history is a reminder that small businesses can grow and innovate even in the face of adversity, Mr. Speaker.

I extend my congratulations to the Heins family as they celebrate their 100th year in business this month, and I wish them many more years of success.

#### CONCERNS WITH A NEW TREND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concern with a trend that could harm our financial system, crush jobs, and have lasting negative impacts on American competitiveness and economic exceptionalism.

Many on the other side of the aisle are calling for financial regulators to inject climate risk scenarios into bank supervision, and a new administration will likely prioritize weaponizing financial regulation to achieve unrelated climate goals.

Radical climate activists are incapable of passing the Green New Deal through Congress because most Americans understand it will destroy jobs, increase energy costs, and destabilize our economy at a time of immense fragility and volatility, so they will undoubtedly turn to financial regulation and supervision as a backdoor to implement their climate agenda.

Earlier this year, a group of Democrat Senators put these ideas to paper in a partisan report, calling on all Federal financial regulators to infuse ill-defined climate scenarios into their supervision of banks and to discourage financial firms from lending to industries that "amplify climate risk," such as coal or oil and natural gas. Lost on